



## Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

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The purpose of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church is to worship God in a Bible-based, Christ-centered ministry, evangelizing, discipling, nurturing and equipping people for the spiritual well-being of every life.

### Old Words, Same Comfort

I've stumbled across an old hymnal. Okay, so not really stumbled. It was given to me. I can't read it because it is an old German script and my German is nicht so gut. This particular hymnal was my great-grandfather, Peter Esau's. I love looking at it. There



is a page with some crayon that looks too new to be as old as he was. Other than that, there aren't really any markings on it that remain. However, I did find one on page 10 that I translated. I'm pretty rusty, which is actually kind of misleading because I was never that good at German.

Lord! I have been consoled by your dear and gracious consolation, to take my sin from me as morning is from evening.

I'll post the German, or at least what I think is the German (did I mention reading old German script is hard?) below.

The reason why I share this with you is to think about faith through difficult times. I don't know the whole story of my great grandfather, but I do know a portion of it. He was a German living in Russia. Germans were invited to move to emigrate to Russia in the 18th century and many of them lived in small communities where they continued to speak the same regional dialect of German they grew up with in Germany.

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According to an article published by [The American Historical Society of Germans from Russia](#), in the 1870s, as nationalism was sweeping across Europe, Czar Alexander II repealed all the privileges that the Germans in Russia had once enjoyed. He demanded, "One Czar, one religion, one language." Over the next decade, hundreds of thousands of Germans from Russia moved to the United States, Canada, and South America.

His family certainly faced everything from famine to outright hostility in his homeland of Russia. So when he was 8, in 1884, he and his family moved to the United States. The testimony that is left behind is found in this old beat up hymnal. The testimony of faith in the Word of God to do what He says He will do and remove our sins as far from us as far, "as morning is from evening."

Yes, our days are quite different, aren't they? However, we can take rest with the knowledge that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. The Word of truth that my Great Grandpa Peter Esau believed, confessed, and sang is the same Word that I also believe, confess, and sing. God provided for him and his family to endure difficulties in his time and God will do the same for us.

**8** The Lord is compassionate and gracious,

Slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness.

**9** He will not always strive *with us*,

Nor will He keep *His anger* forever.

**10** He has not dealt with us according to our sins,

Nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

**11** For as high as the heavens are above the earth,

So great is His lovingkindness toward those who fear Him.

**12** As far as the east is from the west,

So far has He removed our transgressions from us. Psalm 103:8-11

(NASB)

*Herr! lat von deiner lieb' unde gnad mich allweg' Trost befommen, von mir auch meine Miffethat zu sein sei hin genommen, als Morgen ist von Abend.*

**Pastor Nicholas Schultz**

# Weekly Children's Sermons and Chapel



Follow along on Our Redeemer Lutheran  
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Get connected with our YouTube Channel for live streaming services, special messages, children's messages, and chapel. You can find our channel by searching for Our Redeemer Lutheran Church Kirkland or by going to [www.orkirkland.org](http://www.orkirkland.org) and clicking on the link. Be sure to subscribe and enable notifications.

For the kids, chapel is uploaded by Tuesday morning. Sunday School/Children's sermon premiers Sunday at 10:45 AM

For the whole family, Worship goes live at 9:30 AM on Sunday morning.

Join us for Good Friday as we Live Stream the Tenebrae (The Service of Darkness) @ 6:30 PM

You can join Pastor Schultz and pray the Litany via Zoom. This ancient responsive prayer has been prayed by the saints since the first generation of Christians. Prayer is at noon on Wednesday and Friday.

Email [pastor@orkirkland.org](mailto:pastor@orkirkland.org) for an invite. Can't join at noon? Join us on YouTube at your convenience!

God be praised for His goodness!

I'm happy to let you know that Cristina Malone delivered a healthy baby boy, Matthew Bailey Malone last night. Matthew was 7 lbs 13 oz and is 20 1/2 inches long. Both he and mom are doing great.



We will be updating [orlckirkland.org](http://orlckirkland.org), so be sure to check our website for calendar updates and news.



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